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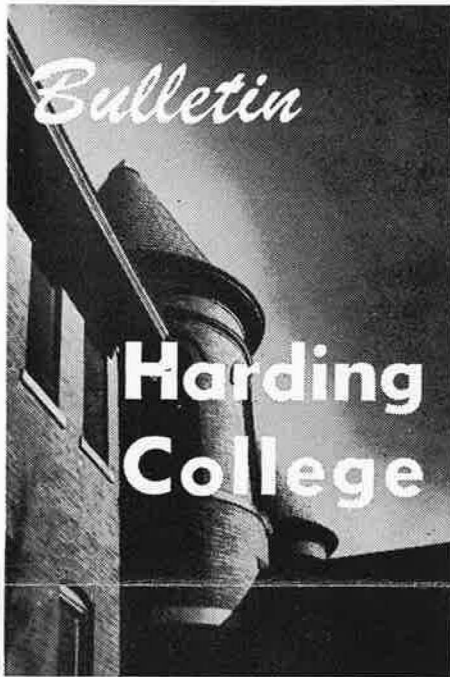
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Baxter To Deliver Baccalaureate

Batsell Baxter, president of David Lipscomb College and former member of the Bible faculty of Harding College, will deliver the Baccalaureate address to the senior class on May 26, Bill Baker, president of the class, has announced.

The Baccalaureate on Sunday evening will begin Commencement and Homecoming Week activities of the current school year, and graduation ceremonies for fifty seniors on Thursday will climax the week's events. Speaker for the commencement exercises will be Ben H. Henthorn, president of the Kansas City, Mo., College of Commerce.

Mr. Henthorn, also president of the American Association of Colleges of Commerce and a licensed instructor of the Dale Carnegie Lecture Service, will also be presented in an informal public dinner at the Rendezvous in Searcy on Wednesday evening, May 29, by the Alpha Honor Society. Educators, business and civic leaders, and prominent citizens of the state are being invited to hear Mr. Henthorn.

Spring term examinations are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28. "Spring Fever," a production of the dramatics department, will be presented Wednesday evening, May 29.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for 10 a.m. on the campus, following which the annual Alumni luncheon will be held in the Dining Hall. The college's Board of Trustees will meet Thursday afternoon.

Special welcomes to visitors have been extended by Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, and by Dr. Frank Rhodes, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. It is anticipated that many friends of the college, alumni, and patrons will gather to meet old friends and make new acquaintances during annual Homecoming this spring.

Press Club Selects

1946-47 Staff Heads

Barbara Brown and Dick Foltz have been chosen to head the staff of the 1946-47 *Bison*, student weekly, according to announcement by the Press Club. Miss Brown will edit the newspaper and Foltz will be business manager.

The new staff heads will take over responsibilities of the student publication with the final issue of the current school year. The new editor has indicated that many changes in present make-up, editorial content, and style are under consideration, and has suggested the possibility of enlarging the paper to eight pages "to meet the need of an enlarged *Harding*."

Miss Brown, specializing in journalism, will be a senior next year. She is from Cisco, Texas, and before transferring to Harding was on the staff of the North Texas State College "*Chat*," at Denton, Texas. She has been assistant to the editor during the current year, and has worked as columnist, feature writer, copyreader, proofreader, and general reporter. She is a charter member of the newly organized honor journalistic fraternity.

Foltz will be a sophomore next September and is from Frackville, Penn. He spent 39 months in the Army Air Corps doing public relations work and duty with the Inspector General's department, until discharge last December. Despite his entering late in the school year, Foltz has already written almost 300 inches for the *Bison*, the amount required to letter.

The executive committee making the selection is made up of the present editor and business manager, Emmett Smith and Laura Lee Arms, and the faculty adviser, Dr. Joe Pryor.



Queen of May moves sedately down petal strewn path.

May Day Festivities Are Celebrated, With Glamour, Music -- And Sunshine

Dorothy Munger, sophomore beauty from Hickory Ridge, Arkansas, was crowned Queen of the May by Dr. Frank Rhodes in Harding's annual May Day festivities.

Rain or shine the show had to go on, and the yearly fete sponsored by the Ju Go Ju Club was celebrated despite a week of rain and cloudy skies. After popping in and out several times during the day, the sun must have decided to stay out long enough to see what the meaning of streamer-bedecked poles, a white throne, and dozens of beautiful co-eds dressed in pastel gowns could mean.

Events were underway at 5:30 in the afternoon when John Mason, tenor, sang "Passing By," after which came the walk of the queen's attendants who lined the path. They were followed by the court and queen, with her maids of honor, to the

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Substitute Unacceptable In Matters Of Religion

By EMMETT SMITH

When the druggist substitutes one medicine for another in the doctor's prescription he is considered to have a very low standing in the ethics of his profession. When the contractor substitutes an inferior material for that which is specified by his contract he is highly unethical.

Religion could hardly expect to escape the practice of substitution, and if it were to avoid this it would be the only phase of life that has done so.

When Peter was busily engaged in rebuking all manner of sin, in the second chapter of his last letter, he concluded a long list of sins and their punishment with this statement concerning an old prophet of God: "... forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrong-doing; but he was rebuked for his own transgression. . . ."

Now, if one will read the 22, 23, and 24 chapters of Numbers he will find that this abominable doctrine of Balaam was simply a doctrine of substitution; Balaam only wanted to know what *more* God would say in addition to what had been said. Nothing more was wanted in this case, to be sure, than was wanted in the case of Israel's substituting a golden calf in the wilderness for the true God in heaven, as is recorded in Exodus 32. No substitution has ever pleased God; He has made a perfect law and it is ours to obey rather than to question.

A classic example of such a substitution in the modern religious world is found in the birth of a person into the kingdom of the Christ. Christ said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." He also said, "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The discrepancy arises with the attempt of many to remove the meaning of water baptism from the birth of water and of the spirit.

The substitution comes about when religionists attempt to find something else in this statement of Jesus. Many substitute the natural birth for the birth of water while others refer to the shedding of Christ's blood with water, contending that Christ is speaking of a symbolic birth of water and blood; still others would remove the element of water completely by making its use here only a figure of the spirit.

To avoid the condemnation of substitution, it will be wise for us to leave it as it is in every case and without seeking what God has not given in His word.

Finally, that we might avoid the wrath of God in his baptism of fire at the consummation of all things, let us know that our new birth has been of both water and of spirit.



Nurse French adjusts bandage on injured finger of Charles Brooks. He hurt it playing softball.

Here's How Harding's "Health Service" Means A Healthy Campus And Healthy Students

Why does Harding College have an exceptionally healthy student-body? This story explains the basic factors contributing to an excellent campus health record.

When a new student comes to Harding College he gets a general physical examination under the supervision of the college nurse, Mrs. Mabel U. French.

This is likely the new registrant's first acquaintance with the Health Service of the college, and, if his health remains good and he has no accidents, he may never see inside the nurse's office or even lie in one of the clean, white beds of the hospital rooms.

Meet Editor Smith:

Emmett Smith, student author of the accompanying article, graduates this year with majors in Bible, English and history. He is married, from McCrory, Ark., and is the oldest of three brothers and one sister who have attended Harding.

Emmett edits the student weekly, *The Bison*, this year, and still finds time to preach regularly. He is an accomplished speaker and debater.

Emmett hopes to do graduate work and then go to Germany as a missionary with Otis Gatewood. Mrs. Smith will go also, and both are studying German now for that purpose.



Editor Smith becomes contributor, for this issue, and writes the second in a series of articles on religious subjects by college students.

But the Health Service, of which the physical examination is an important part, is available for this incoming student. It is a sort of protection to him, an overseer of his physical welfare. In order to live in close contact with some 600 others, while both studying hard and playing hard, the student needs his best health for maximum development physically, mentally, and spiritually. Harding's unexcelled Health Service is maintained for this purpose: to help each student maintain the best health possible.

This complete medical examination includes eyes, nose, throat, teeth, X-rays (Continued on Next Page)

"Spring Fever" To Be Next Campus Players Production

"Spring Fever," a farce in three acts, will be presented in the college auditorium May 29, under direction of Miss Vivian Robbins, dramatics instructor.

Miss Robbins states the play was chosen for this season "because it is light, funny, and will be enjoyable even after final exams." Lois Hemingway, junior from Detroit, Mich., will assist in directing the play.

Quartet Broadcasts

The Harding College men's quartet, plus John Mason, tenor, as feature soloist, has been asked to broadcast a 15-minute program each Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. during the month of May over Station WMC, Memphis, Tenn.

The time was offered the quartet following the recent Memphis program of the chorus when the group was touring nearby states.

Religious songs and hymns are featured on the programs. Mrs. Florence Jewell is directing the singers: Evan Ulrey, Bill Nations, Orel Herron, and Paul Clark.

May Fete - -

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improvised throne near the western entrance of the campus.

For the coronation ceremony, Jewell Hanes and Gladys Walden, runners-up



Miss Dorothy Munger

for the May Day crown, acted as Maids of Honor. Small tots of the Training School bore the queen's crown and train, while eleven flower girls scattered rose petals down the path preceding the queen's march to her throne.

The winding of the Maypoles, following the crowning, was accomplished when pastel shade streamers fastened to the ground were picked up and wound around the pole in six different formations. This was done while Madge McCluggage played Strauss' "Blue Danube" and Grainger's "Country Gardens."

Leaving the Maypoles wound, the girls formed a pathway with flowered arches of carnations through which the queen, maids of honor, and court attendants made their exit.

Approximately 100 students took part in the fete, and a crowd of more than 700 watched the pageantry.

Variety Of Courses Offered In Summer, Session Opens For Registration June 3

Summer school will start with registration on June 3 this year, according to J. L. Dykes, professor of mathematics, who will direct the summer session.

Those on the faculty will be George S. Benson, president; Lloyd Cline Sears, dean; William Knox Summitt, registrar and professor of education; Florence M. Cathcart, dean of women; Crawford Allen, professor of English; Frances Auld, instructor in library science; Samuel Albert Bell, professor of Bible and religious education; Neil B. Cope, professor of journalism; Clarence R. Haflinger, piano and musical theory and history; Inez M. Pickens, instructor in high school English; Joseph E. Pryor, professor of physical sciences; B. F. Rhodes, professor of Bible and history; Frank Rhodes, professor of history and social science; Jess Rhodes, professor of business; Vivian Robbins, instructor in English and speech; and Jack Wood Sears, professor of biological sciences.

An extensive list of courses are offered, and, while subject to change on sufficient demand, they will be in the following departments: Bible, biological sciences, business administration, education and psychology, English, music, mathematics, library science, physical education, and social sciences.

Summer session has two divisions. The regular session lasts ten weeks, and students may enroll for either half without taking the other half.

Further information may be obtained from Professor Dykes or Dean Sears in regard to courses offered.

College Health Service Makes Good Health The Rule

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of lungs and chest, and blood tests. Immunizations are also administered at the beginning of the fall term.

The examination is the first step in maintaining an extensive health record, which is filed under the student's name and kept up-to-date in subsequent years as he attends the college. Each call on the nurse is recorded in detail.

The examinations sometimes reveal unknown defects and give the nurse an opportunity to make recommendations and give advice which is very helpful to the student.

In general, the health of new registrants at Harding is good, and Mrs. French believes that some exceptional records have been made. Of more than 600 blood tests made this year, not one has been positive.

However, there are times when some students will get sick.

Last winter three cases of German measles broke out, all through off-campus exposure. Despite the high degree of contagion offered by this sort of measles, the Harding College Health Service handled these patients so that not a single new case developed among the students.

Also last winter, the flu virus that struck so many other communities came to the campus of Harding College as well. But with the help of local doctors, assisting through the Health Service, the college was able to give adequate care to all students who had flu. Carefully administering some of the newer drugs, Nurse French worked constantly to restore the campus health, and one of the local physicians stated the outbreak would have been as serious as that of World War I if it had not been for the sulfa drugs and penicillin.

In event acute illness overtakes the Harding College student—maybe it's appendicitis or a broken finger in a softball

game—all medical attention and hospitalization, and even surgery, if called for, is paid by the college. While this does not include chronic illnesses and matters that should have been taken care of before entrance, the service of the nurse and all facilities of the Health Service are available at all times. In either instance the student is free to choose his own doctor.

Unlike many institutional health services, the college Health Service is on a 24-hour basis and students are taken care



Blanche Truman visits nurse for excuse from missed class.

of in their rooms as well as in the campus infirmary.

Mrs. French, who has had seven years experience as superintendent of nurses in hospitals and more recently was public health supervisor in southwestern Oklahoma, believes the success of Harding's Health Service lies in the treatment of each student as an individual, with his own peculiar health problems.

Before our very eyes is unfolding one of mother nature's great miracles—the coming of spring. For many weeks our campus has been enshrouded with a dark, dismal and drab cloak. The majestic oaks had been shorn of their beautiful foliage and only here and there a dead leaf fluttered in the breeze. Gone too was the beautiful carpet of green and only here and there a brown stalk lifted its head. The lovely flowers lay dormant in a bulb or seed as a butterfly pupa in a cocoon. But now spring is here and everything and everyone feels the touch of nature's hand and is aglow with the invigorating stimulus of life in its vernal verdure.

In his poem, "Locksley Hall," Alfred Lord Tennyson very graphically pictures the changes that spring brings among the bird life. And even man is not exempt. "In the Spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast; In the Spring the wanton lapwing gets himself another crest; In the Spring a livelier iris changes on the burnished dove; In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

Truly has Goethe said, "So then the year is repeating its old story again. We are come once more, thank God! to its most charming chapter. The violets and the May flowers are as its inscriptions or vignettes. It always makes a pleasant impression on us, when we open again at these pages of the book of life."

All, too, can say with one of America's greatest poets, Longfellow, "If spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change! But now the silent succession suggests nothing but necessity. To most men only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous, and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be."

Then amid all this terrestrial splendor to feel the warmth of the sun's rays and on a beautiful, clear night to gaze into the star-studded expanse above fills one with awe at the power and majesty of God, the great Creator. A deep sense of God's presence should fill our hearts causing us to humbly bow in reverence before Him. What a great power and blessing is a deep, abiding faith in God! What a vista of grandeur, majesty and sublimity comes only through the eye of faith! How much more real do the realities of life become! How much more meaningful does life itself become!

Napoleon, on one of his military campaigns, was sailing across the Mediterranean with a group of his staff officers. One beautiful, clear evening they were out on the deck of the boat. While several of the rationalistic officers argued to the conclusion that there is no God, Napoleon listened silently. When they had reached their conclusion and had reclined in their easy lounges, Napoleon said, "Gentlemen, you have reached the conclusion there is no god. Behold the stars! If God is not, from whence came they?" Silence reigned. Of a truth did David speak in the nineteenth Psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handi-



Spring Shows God's Handiwork

By DR. JOSEPH PRYOR
Professor of Physical Science

work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

Clerk Maxwell, one of the world's most brilliant physicists and author of the electromagnetic theory of light, is reported to have stated that he had examined most of the philosophical systems of man and that he had not found a one that would work without God. A superficial study of natural philosophy may cause us to become skeptical and rationalistic, but a real and complete study does but enhance our concept of God. It is like a tunnel piercing the mountainside. If we go but a short distance into the tunnel, all is dark and dismal. But on going deeper into the tunnel, we find that it opens into a beautiful valley where the sun shines brilliantly, luxuriant vegetation grows, beautiful flowers bloom, stately trees wave their branches in a zephyr breeze, and a placid stream meanders through the rolling hills. What great manifestations of God does nature show us in the spring if we but have our eyes and minds open to perceive!

A very interesting story has been told about one Dr. Beatty, the philosopher of Aberdeen. He had a young son upon whose mind he wanted to impress some of the great truths of the universe. So he went into his garden and carefully prepared a small plot of ground in which he planted seeds so as to spell the name of his son. A few days later the lad rushed into the study of his father and exclaimed, "Father, my name is coming up out in the garden." When Dr. Beatty suggested that his son must be mistaken, the boy insisted that he was not and urged his father to come out into the garden and see for himself. As the two stood looking at the name written with vegetation, the father explained to the son that what they there saw did not come by accident but by careful design. Then he stated that in like manner the whole universe did not come by accident but by design and that man with his marvelously designed body did not come by chance but as the climax of the work of God—the great Designer, the great Engineer, the great Creator. What an interesting and inspiring commentary on God's great book of nature is the "miracle" of spring!

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